

REMARKS

The amendment of the specification to include a reference to the prior US application in the utility patent application transmittal form was mistakenly not made according to the new amendment practice. The Applicant requests that the application be amended as described on the previous page and that the attached petition under Rule 1.78 be accepted.

The Applicant hereby requests that the fee/surcharge for making the petition to include the cross reference to the prior application be charged to Shell Oil Company Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

The undersigned has noticed that the information disclosure statement of April 2, 2004, is unsigned, at least in the Applicant's files. Therefore, the Applicant hereby submits a signed copy of that document with this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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